

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

I. Please insert the following heading after the title of the invention and before paragraph [0001]: BACKGROUND

II. Please insert the following heading after paragraph [0004] and before paragraph [0005]: SUMMARY

III. Please insert the following heading after paragraph [0023] and before paragraph [0024]: BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

IV. Please insert the following heading after paragraph [0029] and before paragraph [0030]: DETAILED DESCRIPTION

V. Please amend paragraph [0031] as follows:

A mounting table 5 is moreover fixed to the frame and can be seen in the front view of FIG. 2. In this mounting table is arranged a recess [[6]] through which pressure roller 7 mounted under mounting table 5 is accessible from above.

VI. Please amend paragraph [0032] as follows:

Pressure roller 7 is suspended by means of its shaft 8 from two brackets 9 which are each fixed to a plate [[10a, 10b]] 10A, 10B respectively which is movable in vertical direction. Both plates [[10a, 10b]] 10A, 10B are mounted on a spindle 12 by means of bearing supports 11. The height of brackets 9, and thereby that of pressure roller 7, can be adjusted by driving the spindle

12. So as to ensure the horizontal position of pressure roller 7, driving of spindles 12 takes place synchronously. For this purpose they are each connected by means of a conical gear connection 13 to a joint, horizontally extending shaft 14 which can be driven by means of a drive device 15.

VII. Please amend paragraph [0033] as follows:

For transport of printing plates 16 for positioning use is made of a manipulating device designated as a whole with 17. The manipulating device comprises a horizontally extending profile with a rectangular section 18, on which is fixed a steel profile 19. Steel profile [[18]] 19 herein serves to prevent sagging of the profile and to obtain the strength essential at this accuracy. A carriage 20 is movable along the substantially L-shaped steel profile 19. The carriage is provided with an electric motor and a drive whereby this carriage can advance along steel profile 19. An arm 21 extending substantially in vertical direction is mounted on carriage 20. Arm 21 is movable along the carriage in vertical direction by means of a drive device, not shown in the drawing, which is likewise provided with an electric motor.

VIII. Please amend paragraph [0055] as follows:

During displacement of printing plate 16 from conveyor 34 to mounting table 45, 46 image recognition takes place via the camera 29 arranged above the whole. Element 41 can be provided for this purpose with one or more apertures [[42]] (not shown) so that a part of the printing plate 16 arranged thereunder becomes visible. On the basis of images recorded by camera 29 the computer calculates the position (i.e. the location and/or the orientation of the plate relative to pressure roller 7) of printing plate 16. The recognition can take place during displacement of the

printing plate ("on the fly"). This results in a considerable time-saving. It is of course also possible to have image recognition take place with a stationary printing plate 16.